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August 21, 2019

This is a follow up to a previous request:

Respected Officers:

I am a bit mystified by the response received, as the FOIA request only requires a simple keyword search for less than 6 months of time. Please treat this as a request for reconsideration. Thank you.

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On May 10, 2019:

Subject: ICE Clarification Request FOIA Number 2019-ICFO-37832

May 10, 2019 Hassan Ahmad MuckRock Dept MR 72793 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144 RE:
ICE FOIA Case Number 2019-ICFO-37832

This e-mail is in regards to your May 05, 2019 ICE FOIA request for any and all documents, emails, internal memos, external memos, cables, correspondences, directives, or any other media dated January 1, 2019 to the present containing any of the following words: 1. "Ramadan" 2. "imam" 3. "Muslim" 4. "Islam" or a derivative term such as "Islamic" 5. "faith leader" 6. "cleric".

After careful review of your FOIA request, we determined that your request is too broad in scope, did not specifically identify the records which you are seeking, or only posed questions to the agency. Records must be described in reasonably sufficient detail to enable government employees who are familiar with the subject area to locate records without placing an unreasonable burden upon the agency. For this reason, §5.3(b) of the DHS regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, require that you describe the records you are seeking with as much information as possible to ensure that our search can locate them with a reasonable

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amount of effort. Whenever possible, a request should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipients, and subject matter of the records, if known, or the ICE program office you believe created and/or controls the record. The FOIA does not require an agency to create new records, answer questions posed by requesters, or attempt to interpret a request that does not identify specific records. Please resubmit your request containing a reasonable description of the records you are seeking. Upon receipt of a perfected request, you will be advised as to the status of your request. If we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in this FOIA request, and the case will be administratively closed. Please be advised that this action is not a denial of your request and will not preclude you from filing other requests in the future.

Sincerely,

ICE FOIA

On May 4, 2019:

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Taraweeh Transparency (Immigration and Customs Enforcement)

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any and all documents, emails, internal memos, external memos, cables, correspondences, directives, or any other media dated January 1, 2019 to the present containing any of the following words:

1. "Ramadan"
2. "imam"
3. "Muslim"
4. "Islam" or a derivative term such as "Islamic"
5. "faith leader"
6. "cleric"

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

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